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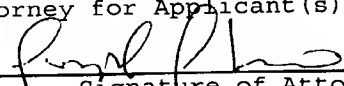
Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, it is requested that the following amendment be made:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraph beginning at page 2, line 5 should be amended to read as follows:

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